STATE	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
Karnataka	9.08	8.02	14.26
Madhya Pradesh	8.83	14.02	24.96
Maharashtra	5.52	6.45	18.99
Orissa	2.75	0.46	6.82
Rajasthan	1.74	3.86	9.81
Tamil Nadu	2.73	8.27	9.09
Uttar Pradesh	8.39	10.93	18.38
Uttranchal	included in Uttar Pradesh.		3.24
West Bengal	0.00	2.09	1.35
Total	73.00	94.99	189.58

Projects for providing funds to women's self-help groups in Andhra Pradesh

2549. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: (a) whether Government propose to sanction 7 Special Projects under Swarnajayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana for providing revolving fund assistance for women's self-help groups in 22 District of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) if so, the details of the proposal sanctioned;

(c) whether necessary funds for the projects have been released, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, when it is expected to be released?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (d) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh had submitted seven project proposals for providing revolving funds assistance for women's self help groups in 22 district of the State under the Special Project component of the Swarnajayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY). The Project Approval Committee (PAC), however, while considering the project proposal of East Godawari and West Godavari district, felt that the State Government may be advised to approach the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to provide

assistance for this project and similar other six projects. The State Government have been advised accordingly.

States who have delegated powers to Panchayati Raj Institutions

2550. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of States who have not delegated powers to Panchayati Raj Institutions till date; and

(b) the details of steps taken to ensure transparency in the functioning of Panchayati Raj Institutions?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) The States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Jharkhand, and Goa, and the Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh and Pondicherry have not yet transferred any functions upon Panchayats.

(b) The State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have been requested to adopt the following four-point strategy to enhance transparency in the functioning of Panchayati Raj Institutions:—

(i) creating awareness through the print and electronic media and organising training/workshops for elected representatives and functionaries of Panchayats;

(ii) promoting participation of the village community in the preparation of Need Based Action Plans, its execution and monitoring;

(iii) displaying all the relevant information relating to works taken up by the Panchayats on a bill-board including estimates, availability of funds and expenditure; and

(iv) ensuring Social Audit by the Gram Sabha.